



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/016,532
Applicant : Dr. George J. Picha et al.
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Title : "PERCUTANEOUS GASTROTOMY DEVICE"

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Customer No. : 000,116
Docket No. : 29462

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir/Madam:

The period for response to the final Office action of June 2, 2004 in the above-identified application expired on September 2, 2004. Applicant has already obtained a two month extension of time, up to and including November 2, 2004. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests and petitions that the response date be extended for one additional month, up to and including December 2, 2004. The \$550.00 fee associated with the one month extension of time is enclosed.

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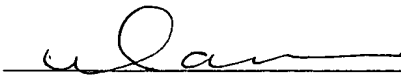
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